

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

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The Behavioral Science Department provides you with basic academic courses in anthropology, humanities, psychology, sociology and social work. Courses are transferable to a university as required or elective credit, depending on your major. These courses also serve as required and elective credit for associate degrees offered at SPC. The department offers its courses at all SPC campus locations.

The behavioral science faculty is as varied as any found on college or university campuses in the nation. But despite its diversity, the faculty is uniformly dedicated to preparing students to meet the needs of a rapidly changing society. Each faculty member brings to the classroom a wealth of practical and academic experience—helping students learn the material thoroughly while also meeting each student’s individual needs. The faculty is well-educated, diversified and aware of changes occurring in each behavioral science field. The department takes pride in this ability to give you a sound background of information from the forefront of each discipline. Courses are offered in face-to-face and online format.



ANTHROPOLOGY

The Behavioral Science Department currently offers one anthropology class. Cultural Anthropology serves as an introduction to the culture and customs of both primitive and modern peoples.

HUMANITIES

Humanities courses include Introduction to Humanities, Introduction to Mexican-American Studies, American Minority Studies, and World Cultures. These courses all meet the core requirements in the area of Language, Philosophy, and Culture. These courses are all transferable to a university as part of the core or elective credit.

PSYCHOLOGY

The psychology program offers six undergraduate courses in the study of human behavior. The General Psychology course explores a variety of topics pertinent to the field as a whole. Lifespan Growth and Development surveys the patterns of development found from the beginning to the end of the human life span. Human Sexuality emphasizes the specific physical, psychological and social aspects of sexuality. Psychology of Personality, which can be taken following the completion of General Psychology as a prerequisite, looks at the diverse assessment techniques, development and determinants of personality. Social Psychology is the study of the individual within a group setting.

SOCIOLOGY

Sociology course offerings include Introduction to Sociology, a survey course of the discipline and its history; Marriage and the Family, which concentrates on the make-up of the modern American family and adjustments required for successful functioning; and Human Sexuality, a study of the physiological, psychological and sociological aspects of sexuality. Drug Use and Abuse is a course that introduces the issues related to substance abuse. Introduction to Social Work is a survey of the fields of social work and transfers to a university social work program. Criminology is a course pertaining to crime and criminal behavior that is popular for criminal justice majors.

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PROGRAM OF STUDY

In addition to specified courses in the behavioral sciences, students take courses in English, American history, government, mathematics, foreign language, art and science. Successful completion of the 60-hour academic transfer program leads to an Associate of Arts degree.

For a detailed description of the behavioral sciences curriculum, please consult the current General Catalog.

FACILITY AND PROGRAMS

Behavioral science classrooms are well-equipped to meet the needs of students. Classes are small, allowing participation and encouraging interaction between students and their instructors. All classes have connections to Blackboard for access to online videos, demonstrations and quizzes. A variety of demonstrations add to your understanding of the fields.

THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE DISCIPLINES

The behavioral sciences include the subjects of anthropology, humanities, psychology, sociology and social work. Each of these academic disciplines asks questions about the individual and his or her role in society. However, each discipline examines these fundamental questions differently.

Anthropology focuses on the impact of primitive and modern cultures on behavior, discovering relationships between earlier cultures and our own. Psychology focuses on the person's view of the environment and how one's perception affects his or her interaction with society. Sociology is different in that it examines how society and its institutions shape our behavior.

Each of these subjects can serve as an area of concentration for students at the undergraduate level. A student who plans to pursue a degree in social work or counseling will find anthropology, psychology and sociology classes indispensable. The most important attributes a student gains from the study of behavioral sciences are the ability to approach problems with an open mind, to analyze situations from a number of perspectives and to draw well-founded conclusions based on available data. These attributes will serve you well, not only in your academic pursuits, but in every aspect of your life.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

Career opportunities directly related to behavioral science study include social work, clinical psychology, counseling, teaching, research, rehabilitation and case work.

The courses in behavioral science are foundations on which many diverse careers are built. Students majoring in business, education, law enforcement or nursing will find the knowledge of people and their interactions useful in working with clients, students, patients and society as a whole.

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